

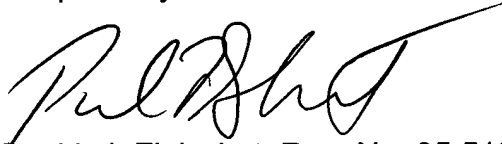
REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, applicants have now canceled claims 48-49 and 53 and added new claims 62-64. These claims contain the same subject matter as original claims 48, 49, and 53, but have been amended to be independent as suggested by the Examiner on page 11 of the February 23, 2005 Office action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, and in view of Amendment B, applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims 1-44, 55-58, 62-64.

Respectfully submitted,

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